



PARISH NEWS FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ANDOVER NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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8th and 9th June - Pentecost Sunday.

Paschaltide (Eastertide) ends today. After today, the Paschal candle is not kept on the sanctuary but next to the baptism font, or placed on the sanctuary steps by the coffin at funerals. Tomorrow Ordinary Time (Week 10) resumes.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

Again today we reflect on our baptism in the Holy Spirit, which urges us to proclaim "Jesus is Lord!" The reading from 1 Corinthians points out that while we are all baptised 'Missionary Disciples', we certainly are not all called to do the same work.

There are different gifts and different forms of service, but they all serve the same Lord. We must never look at our gift as something that isn't beneficial to the whole group, it is possible that our actions may enable someone else's actions. We must share the gifts we have, and pray that God will multiply our offering in the same way he did the fishes and loaves . . . making more than enough to go around.

Being a good steward is not contingent upon having more than others; it boils down to sharing whatever it is that we have. Today we celebrate Pentecost - the definitive arrival of the Holy Spirit. We should allow ourselves to be overcome by the Spirit and give of ourselves like we have never given before!
S.McC.

Healing Our Fear

Various affections are at work within the human heart that move us to do some things and to avoid others. Certainly one of the strongest influences on us is fear. We instinctively move away from what we perceive to be harmful.

As the disciples gather "on that first day of the week," the Gospel of John records that the doors of the room were locked because of fear. Perhaps they feared that Jesus' fate would soon be their own. Yet, before this crowd of his friends crippled by fear, Jesus appears. As we picture that scene, we might imagine that the sight of Jesus Risen from the dead would by itself be an antidote to their fear. Surely this unexpected but welcome appearance would have filled them with unstoppable courage.

However, the gospel confirms that the sight of Jesus alone was not sufficient to remove fear. That was given through the gift of the Holy Spirit. With that heavenly gift, Acts tells us, these disciples, once gathered behind locked doors, move out to proclaim Jesus, risen from the dead, and do so even at great peril. The Holy Spirit, the Consoler, removes fear. St. Paul likewise confirms that those who receive the "Spirit of adoption," are not to live in fear, but in the confidence that comes with being beloved daughters and sons of the Father of Jesus whom they may address also as Abba.

On Pentecost Sunday the familiar images of light, water and wind, all give clues to the marvellous and mysterious work of the Holy Spirit. But we ought to know also that the Holy Spirit is the giver of courage, the one who overcomes our fear. And in the light of that we might ask: where are we touched by fear today? Where are we sitting behind locked doors? We want to welcome the Holy Spirit to those places, inviting the Consoler to invade our hearts, to touch those places and to pour into us the gift of courage.
R.G.

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS: 9TH JUNE - 15TH JUNE

These are arranged so that in the course of a year we pray for each parish of our Diocese and the Catholic organisations within it. **Sunday:** *Those being confirmed this year, their sponsors, families and catechists.*

Monday: *Community of St Colman, Cosham); Community of St Columba, Bridgemary.* **Tuesday:** *St Barnabas Society.*

Wednesday: *Knights of St Columba; Community of Corpus Christi, North End.* **Thursday:** *The poor (for St. Anthony of Padua).*

Friday: *Members of the Fraternity of St. Charles in the Diocese.*

Saturday: *Community of Sacred Heart, Lambourn; Parish of St Thomas More, Twyford.*

Ministers of the Word - A few more Ministers of the Word (Readers) are needed for the rota for Sunday Mass at Whitchurch. If you are willing to join the rota please see Mary Wickens or Lil White. Thank you!

Golf Day in aid of CAFOD 12th July

The Catenians of Province 11 are organising a Golf Day to raise funds for CAFOD on Friday 12th July at Weybrook Golf Club in Basingstoke. After the golf there will be a dinner for golfers and their non-golfing partners which will include a speaker from CAFOD head Office. For more information please contact Pat Murphy on: pfm190654@outlook.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

This year we have 48 children who have been prepared for First Holy Communion. Five of them will be making their First Holy Communion abroad, the remaining 43 have been divided between two Masses and will be making their First Holy Communion on either Saturday 15th or Saturday 22nd June.

With so many children involved this year it has been quite a mammoth task, and we would like to thank all the catechists who have given up their time each month to take the children in small groups on a Tuesday and a Wednesday, their parents for supporting their children in their journey of faith and above all Miss Margaret Scicluna for giving up so much of her time to co-ordinate everything and for organising, cajoling and herding children to the right place at the right time!

Thank you!

Congratulations to . . .

Angelo; Annya; Antoni; Barney; Benjamin; Cezary; Charlie; Crystal; Damian; David; Emilia; Erik; Filip A.; Filip W.; Florence; Grace ; Hanna; Hayden; Jaden; James; Justas; Kacper N.; Kacper W.; Kajetan; Lili; Lucas Maja; Martin; Matilda; Max; Maya; Nikola; Olivier; Oliwia; Patrycja; Piotr; Scarlett; Sebastian; Shauna; Sofia L.; Sofia P.; Sophia; Sophia-Mia; Szymon; Viktor; Wiktor; Zachary and Zelma.

Please remember all of the children in your prayers.



ANDOVER FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated, as always. At the moment we are running low on the following items: **FOOD ITEMS: Pasta Sauce; Fruit Juice (Longlife) and Tinned Fruit.**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The holidays are fast approaching and while many are dreaming of sunny beaches and sandcastles we know that children in our community will be facing food insecurity, isolation and loneliness. In the absence of free school meals and parents struggling with reduced income or childcare costs, the summer can be a difficult time.

We are hoping to help some families by providing some additional supplies that help children take part in normal summer activities including going on a picnic, having a BBQ or friends round for a sleepover. Bags of food will be packed and delivered in time to get to schools for delivery before the end of term and to do this, we need your help.

We are collecting the following items. They need to be at the foodbank by **30th June** but can be donated through our usual collection points or at the foodbank:

Bag for Life; Tinned hotdogs; Tomato ketchup; Icepops (eg Mr Freeze, NOT frozen); Chocolate spread/jam; Corned beef/ham; Dried apricots/raisins (snack packs); Chocolate biscuits (eg Kitkats, Penguins); Pringles (or other crisps in a tube); Small fruit juice cartons; Pancake mix; Hot chocolate (that just needs water); Spaghetti hoops; Jelly mix; Popcorn; and Cake mix.

Thank you!

THE TIME IS NOW!

“The earth, our home is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth” Pope Francis. In his encyclical *Laudato Si’* Care for our Common Home. Pope Francis urges us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to take action. Climate Change is the biggest threat to our planet, and we are calling on everyone to tell their MPs that the time to act is NOW! Please join us on **Wednesday 26th June** for the ‘Time is Now’ Lobby of Parliament. For more information and to sign up go to: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>

BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY’S next concert on **29th June** at 7.30pm in St Michael’s Church Basingstoke RG21 7QW.

Vivaldi Gloria; **Handel** Hallelujah Chorus, Let The Bright Seraphim, Zadok The Priest.

Mozart: Ave Verum Corpus; **Gounod** Ave Maria; **Chilcott** Canticles of Light; **Stanley** Trumpet Voluntary.

Trumpet: Crispian Steele-Perkins. Organ: Ian Le Grice. Soprano: Lucinda Cox. Conductor: David Gibson.

Tickets: Adults £15, Under 16’s £5, from choir members or on the door.

Website: basingstoke-choral.org.uk

EARTH, SEA AND SKY.

A Harmonium Singers Summer Concert in aid of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA).

The music and readings will focus on the beauty of the earth, sea and sky in a programme ranging widely from a renaissance motet to a sea shanty. Several of the songs have been arranged for the choir specially for this performance.

Saturday 6th July at 7.30pm in St Mary’s Church, Andover.

Tickets, which include interval refreshments, are £10 in advance from Newbury Building Society, The Lights and choir members, or £12 at the door. Under-14s are admitted free. For further information go to www.harmoniumsingers.org.uk

This training is for seasoned *or* new/potential catechists working with children, young people or adults; it's for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word, **and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. All welcome.**

We are all Witnesses (Acts 2:32)

Essential Training for Catechists



5 sessions to cover five essential themes in Catechesis and Children's Liturgy of the Word, on Tuesday evenings:

1. What is catechesis? **3rd September** - 7.30 to 9.00 pm
2. Proclaiming the Good News - **10th September** - 7.30 to 9.00 pm
3. The Faith of the Church - **17th September** - 7.30 to 9.00 pm
4. Holy Scripture - **24th September** - 7.30 to 9.00 pm
5. Methods and Resources - **8th October** - 7.30 to 9.00 pm

Note that there is no session on the 1st October

St John the Baptist Church Hall
Alexandra Rd, Andover SP10 3AD

To register, write to Sr Hyacinthe: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
A course led and certified by the Diocese of Portsmouth
Formation for Mission - www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation

**A diocesan certificate is awarded upon completion of the 5 sessions.
Sr Hyacinthe is a wonderful speaker and course leader - would highly recommend!**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FROM 8TH JUNE - 21ST JUNE

Reconciliations each Saturday in Andover from 5.15pm - 5.45pm, and in Whitchurch before Sunday Mass.

Congratulations to Iris Mary Dorothy Bowman who is to be baptised this weekend.

Sat. 8th Andover Mass 6.00pm Linda Drugan RIP

Sunday 9th June - Pentecost Sunday

Whitchurch Mass 9.00am For the People of the Parish

Farleigh School Mass (in the Sport Hall) at 10.30am - First Holy Communion Mass

Andover Mass 10.30am For the Intentions of Mrs Britten.

Andover Polish Mass 6.00pm - Confessions (Polish) from 5.00pm



Mon. 10th No Masses or Services.

Tue. 11th Andover Mass 10.00am Moira Annand RIP - Anniversary

Andover Prayer Group Meets in Church 7.00pm - 7.30pm

Wed. 12th No Masses or Services.

Thur. 13th Whitchurch Mass 10.00am For the People of the Parish

Fri. 14th Andover Mass 10.00am Christopher Walter RIP

Sat. 15th Andover Mass 6.00pm Rita Doyle RIP

Sunday 16th - The Most Holy Trinity

Whitchurch Mass 9.00am Moira Barton RIP

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am Antonio Ricci RIP



Mon. 17th Andover Mass 10.00am Derek Plunkett RIP

Tue. 18th Andover Mass 10.00am Rosemary Beckingham - for health and strength

Andover Prayer Group Meets in Church 7.00pm - 7.30pm

Wed. 19th No Masses or Services.

Thur. 20th Whitchurch Mass 10.00am For the People of the Parish

Fri. 21st Andover Mass 10.00am Jo Parker and Audrey Stephenson - for Health and Strength

Please pray for: Patrick Pacini, Daphne Channing, Audrey Francis, Audrey Stephenson, Jo Parker, Esmé Coveney, Doreen Burke, Rita Lane, Valerie Muir, Mary and Alan Daws, Tom Wilkins, Fr Gerry Mackrell, Mary Bullough, Sam Hearn, Margaret Williams, Patrick Arnold, Ann Scicluna, Allan Wickens, Di Mussert, Lisa Ramage, Christine Budden, Derek Moss, Diane Banks, Barbara Long, Myra Thompson, John Mills, Jean Murphy, Sheila Muir, Jo Hibberd, Therese Ayres, Sheila Roberts, Mary Hathaway, Pat Scott and Peter Calderley.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Christopher Walter and Nan Mundy.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL. Find out about our parish school, the exciting learning that takes place and upcoming liturgy and Mass dates by visiting the school website and reading our newsletter - www.sjbschool.co.uk .

Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School . As your local Catholic Secondary school, we have lots of news we would like to share with you. Many of you will have happy memories of time spent as a pupil or parent at Bishop Challoner and we would like to keep you up to date with how well we are doing. You can access our website at www.bcs.hants.sch.uk or you can go straight to our fortnightly newsletters at www.bcs.hants.sch.uk/newsletters/. We keep all our local parishes and faith communities in our prayers and I would ask that you pray for our continuing success and for our young people to, as Bishop Richard Challoner put it, 'do ordinary things extraordinarily well.' John Wright, Headteacher.

Prayer Requests @ www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk If you would ever like prayer for your own intention, for your parish or for any need, do go to the home page of the diocese website, scroll down to the "prayer request" button, where you can leave an anonymous request which will go to 40 intercessors throughout the diocese.